

Allows community health centers to contract with private dentists for the purpose of providing dental care under Medicaid and SCHIP; Requires states to report the status of children's oral health for children covered by Medicaid and SCHIP;

Improves access to dental provider information for Medicaid and SCHIP patients through the Insure Kids Now website ([www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov)) and hotline (1-877-KIDS-NOW);

Requires the GAO to conduct a study assessing children's access to dental care within 18 months of the bill's enactment; and

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a core set of child health quality measures for assessing states' Medicaid and SCHIP programs, including measures for the availability of dental services and the quality of pediatric dental care.

I was also extremely pleased that we included language in the bill to provide "wrap around" dental benefits to children who are eligible for SCHIP but have private medical insurance that does not include dental insurance.

The Recovery Act included an estimated \$87 billion over two years in additional federal matching funds to help states maintain their Medicaid programs which provide dental health services to low-income children.

I rise today with a renewed commitment to oral health which is an integral component of overall health.

Hundreds of thousands of Deamonte Drivers are walking the streets of America every day in unbearable pain—unable to concentrate in school, unable to eat and speak properly, and at risk for serious disease or even death.

We simply cannot relent until every single one of those children gets the care he or she needs to end this needless suffering—and to prevent it in future generations.

During Children's Dental Health Month, I thank the many partners who have joined me in this effort, specifically the Children's Dental Health Project, the American Dental Association, the National Dental Association, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentists, the American Dental Education Association, the American Hygienists Association, and the UnitedHealth Group.

It is through sound legislative initiatives and partnerships like these that give me hope:

Hope that we can prevent the single most common childhood chronic disease which is tooth decay.

Hope that our children, regardless of race or economic status will have access to proper dental care.

Hope that as we pledge never to forget the life of Deamonte Driver, we strive to ensure that not one more child will suffer his fate.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CUB SCOUT PACK 1364 BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 25, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2010 Blue and Gold Banquet for Cub Scout Pack 1364 and the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts were founded in the United States on February 8, 1910, by William D. Boyce. The following year, the Boy Scouts of America adopted the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. After 100 years of scouting, these founding principles have guided more than 100 million youth to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Each year, Cub Scout packs commemorate scouting and its enduring principles with a Blue and Gold Banquet. They celebrate scouts, pack leaders and other adults who have contributed to the pack's health and vibrancy. I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the following Cub Scouts in Pack 1364 who will be recognized at the 2010 Blue and Gold Banquet for advancing to the next level of scouting.

Den 2 Tigers: Michael Chargualaf, Beau Donner, Michael Mottern, Samuel Neher, Kage Policello, Tony Simmons, Terrell Warner, Ki Williams;

Den 3 Tigers: Brian Andres, Leo Blaes, Tyler Lipscomb, Andrew Martin, Justin Santaw, Luke Smallwood;

Den 6 Wolves: Nick Bradford, Erik Caballero, Jacob Chesonis, Benjamin Clark, Liam Dunlap, Joshua Forrest, Jason Green, Colin Meeley, Ahmed Mohammed, Isaac Morlu, Joseph Peters, Kieran Weldon;

Den 5 Bears: Adam Frank, Andrew Hartshorn, Benjamin Hodges, Brian Kim, Logan MacDonald, Justin Martis, Henry Moore, Brett Segal, Daniel Smith, Michael Teister, Nathan Villanueva, Malik Williams, Sean Zylich;

Den 1 Webelos I: Archie Blaes, Jacob Chartier, Matthew Kaiser, Jordan Rice, Zack Scites, Michael Storm, Sebastian Villanueva;

Den 7 Webelos I: DeTrell Bailey, Will Salmon, Derek Siegrist, Alex Stone, Sean Teister, Norman Warner;

Den 4, Webelos II: Grayden Brock, Ryan Crow, Joseph Friend, Caven Kennedy, Jimmy Kettl, Christian Majchrowitz, Andrew Perkins-McDuffie, Michael Stroup.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the Boy Scouts of America on its 100th anniversary and recognizing Cub Scout Pack 1364. The Boy Scouts of America sets a high standard for integrity and strength of character. I admire all scouts who seek to uphold its core principles, and I extend my best wishes to the Cub Scouts of Pack 1364 as they strive to realize their scouting potential.

#### CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION OF REV. KEVIN WILLIAMS AS PASTOR IN THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF WHEATON

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 25, 2010*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Reverend Kevin Williams, who has been installed as a new Pastor in the Second Baptist Church of Wheaton, which is located in my Congressional district.

The Second Baptist Church is the oldest African American Church in DuPage County. Ever since it opened its doors to worshippers in 1907, this church has worked diligently to

glorify God, build up the saved, and win the lost. Through private and collective study groups, as well as public preaching, the Second Baptist Church has strengthened our community by bringing people together through faith.

Reverend Williams is a loving husband and father. He believes that his greatest privilege and joy has been to share the grace of God with others. From the early age of 27, he has used his talents and gifts to spread the glory of God and help congregants of the Second Baptist Church experience the love of Jesus.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing the installation of the Reverend Kevin Williams as Pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Wheaton. I believe that Reverend Williams will bring people together in faith and fellowship and help make our local communities a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

#### HONORING CARNEGIE MEDAL RECIPIENT, DEREK CREEL

**HON. SPENCER BACHUS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 25, 2010*

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to bring to the attention of my colleagues the heroism of a constituent, Derek J. Creel of Warrior, Alabama. Guided by his faith, Derek put his own life at risk to save the life of a young child during a tragic outing on raging waters.

In recognition of his courageous and selfless action, Derek has been awarded the Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

The criteria for this prestigious award was established by the philanthropist Andrew Carnegie in 1904, when he wrote on the Commission's founding Deed of Trust that, "We live in a heroic age. Not seldom are we thrilled by deeds of heroism where men or women are injured or lose their lives in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows."

Derek Creel displayed extraordinary heroism in swimming to a father and son who had been overtaken by a strong current in the Black Warrior River on March 27, 2009. Excruciatingly, he could not save the father from the cold and swift waters. But he both saved and comforted the frightened young boy while rescue help arrived. Derek's spiritual strength was every bit as important to their survival during that challenging time as his physical strength.

Warrior Police Chief Raymond Horn, who was at the scene, wrote a gripping account of Derek's heroism in nominating him for the Carnegie Medal. It is a description of an exceptional action by a prayerful man that I commend to your reading.

On 03/27/09 the Warrior River, Locust Branch, was well above normal depth from recent rain storms. The currents were very strong and swift with a lot of debris, i.e., stumps, trees and rocks in this river. There were more storms moving into the area later that night with flash flood warnings being posted.

The rescuer, Derek Creel, was at the river fishing. He witnessed a canoe, with an adult male and a male child, capsized. The two victims were caught in the swift currents and very